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QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L BOGOTA 7516

FOR ASST SECY VAKY

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, SHUM, EC, VE
SUBJ: ELECTIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS: ASST SECY VAKY'S
CONVERSATION WITH ECUADORIAN PRESIDENT POVEDA

REF: A. QUITO 5589 B. BOGOTA 7446

1. REF A. RAISES TWO QUESTIONS NOT DEALT WITH IN REF B.
REGARDING PARA 3, REF A, NOTES TAKEN BY POL COUNSELOR
INDICATE THAT POVEDA TOLD YOU THAT A CENTRAL QUESTION WAS
EXTENT TO WHICH ROLDOS WAS CONTROLLED BY BUCARAM, OR WOULD
ALLOW LATTER TO INFLUENCE HIS ACTIONS ONCE HE WAS ELECTED.
HE ASSERTED HE PERSONALLY BELIEVED ROLDOS WAS AN HONORABLE
MAN, AND, IN ANY CASE, ONCE IN OFFICE, ROLDOS WOULD REALIZE
THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR GOVERNING THE COUNTRY WAS HIS ALOME AND
COULD NOT BE SHARED.

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2. REGARDING PARA 4, ALLUSION TO FRAUD IN REF B. WAS CLEARLY
TO FRAUD COMMITTED BY GOE, FOR POVEDA SAID ROLDOS HAD WON DES-
PITE ARMED FORCES' RESERVATIONS ABOUT HIS CANDIDACY. ASECIO
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